

**NOTICE OF IOWA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD TO AMEND IOWA'S 1115 DEMONSTRATION
WAIVER**

Pursuant to 42 CFR 431.408, notice is hereby given that the Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) will provide the public the opportunity to review and provide input on an amendment to the §1115 Iowa Demonstration Waiver to implement changes to the effective date for Medicaid benefits for residents of nursing facilities effective July 1, 2018. This notice provides details about the waiver amendment submission and serves to open the 30-day public comment period, which closes on August 22, 2018.

In addition to the 30-day public comment period in which the public will be able to provide written comments to the DHS via US postal service or electronic mail, the DHS will host two public hearings in which the public may provide verbal comments. Hearings will be held at the following dates, times, and locations:

August 6, 2018 11:00-12:00 PM Aalfs Downtown Library Gleeson Room 529 Pierce Street Sioux City, IA 51101	August 9, 2018 11:30-12:30 PM Iowa State Capitol Building Senate Room 116 1007 East Grand Avenue Des Moines, IA 50319 Call: 1-866-685-1580 Code: 515-725-1031
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Prior to finalizing the proposed waiver amendment, the DHS will consider all the written and verbal public comments received. The comments will be summarized and addressed in the final draft of the waiver amendment to be submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

AMENDMENT PROPOSAL SUMMARY

Effective for new applications filed on or after the first of the month following approval of the waiver amendment by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the State will reinstate the provision of three (3) months of retroactive Medicaid benefits for applicants who are residents of a nursing facility at the time of application and are otherwise Medicaid-eligible. The State will reinstate a policy whereby these applicants' Medicaid coverage will begin consistent with the requirements of Section 1902(a)(34) of the Social Security Act. This change is being made pursuant to Senate File 2418 (2018).

This amendment is consistent with the goals of the Medicaid program as the State is requesting to reinstate a benefit that would otherwise be required in the absence of CMS' approval of a waiver of Section 1902(a)(34) of the Social Security Act.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

This change is being made ensure mechanisms are in place to unique concerns and needs of the nursing facility population and to ensure this population has adequate access to necessary services.

ELIGIBILITY

Through this proposed waiver amendment, all Iowa Medicaid applicants who are residents of a nursing facility at the time of application and are otherwise Medicaid-eligible will receive a 3-month retroactive Medicaid coverage benefit consistent with Section 1902(a)(34) of the Social Security Act.

ENROLLMENT & FISCAL PROJECTIONS

The average monthly number of recipients receiving retroactive coverage is expected to increase by seven recipients as a result of this change and annual Medicaid spending is expected to increase by \$334,478.

This is based on the specific retroactive months coded in the state's eligibility systems. Further detail is provided in the table below.

Annual Cost			
<i>Impact of Reinstating Retroactivity Eligibility for the LTC Facility Population</i>			
Eligibility Group	Avg. Monthly Recipients	Annual Cost	State Share
<u>Medicaid</u>			
Long Term Care Facility	7	334,478	140,314
Medicaid Total	7	334,478	140,314

BENEFITS, COST SHARING, AND DELIVERY SYSTEM

This amendment does not propose any changes in cost sharing requirements or delivery system for any enrollees. Enrollees will continue to receive the same benefits; however, the provision of three (3) months of retroactive benefits will be reinstated for applicants who are residents of a nursing facility at the time of application and are otherwise Medicaid-eligible, effective for applications filed on or after the first of the month following approval of the waiver amendment by CMS.

HYPOTHESES & EVALUATION

The State does not propose any modifications to the current evaluation plan as a result of this amendment.

WAIVER AUTHORITY

The State will request to amend the existing Iowa Wellness Plan Title XIX waiver of retroactivity as follows and request to continue all other currently approved waivers:

1. Retroactivity

Section 1902(a)(34)

To enable the state not to provide three months of retroactive eligibility coverage for state plan populations. The waiver of retroactive eligibility does not apply to pregnant women (and during the 60-day period beginning on the last day of the pregnancy), infants under one year of age, and residents of nursing facilities licensed under Iowa Code Chapter 135C at the time of application.

REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS & SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

All information regarding this amendment, including this public notice, the waiver amendment, and other documentation regarding the proposal are available at: <https://dhs.iowa.gov/public-notices/retro-eligibility-nf>. To reach all stakeholders, non-electronic copies will be made available for review at a DHS Field Office. A complete listing of DHS Field Offices is provided as an attachment to this notice.

Written comments may be addressed to Amela Alibasic, Iowa Department of Human Services, Hoover State Office Building 5th Floor, 1305 E. Walnut Street, Des Moines, IA 50319. Comments may also be sent via electronic mail to aalibas@dhs.state.ia.us. All comments must be received by August 22 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Iowa Department of Human Services

Attachment: DHS Field Office Locations

County	Building Name	Building Address	City	Zip
Benton	Benton County DHS	114 E 4th Street	Vinton	52349
Black Hawk	Black Hawk County DHS	1407 Independence Ave.	Waterloo	50704
Buchanan	Buchanan County DHS	1415 1st Street West	Independence	50644
Buena Vista	Buena Vista County DHS	311 E. 5th Street	Storm Lake	50588
Butler	Butler County DHS	713 Elm Street	Allison	50602
Carroll	Carroll County DHS	608 N Court Street, Ste. C	Carroll	51401
Cass	Cass County DHS	601 Walnut Street	Atlantic	50022
Cerro Gordo	Cerro Gordo County DHS	Mohawk Square, 22 N Georgia Ave, Ste. 1	Mason City	50401
Clarke	Clarke County DHS	109 S Main	Osceola	50213
Clay	Clay County DHS	1900 North Grand Ave. Ste. E-8	Spencer	51301
Clinton	Clinton County DHS	121 Sixth Ave S.	Clinton	52733
Dallas	Dallas County DHS	210 N 10th Street	Adel	50003
Des Moines	Des Moines County DHS	560 Division Street, Suite 200	Burlington	52601
Dickinson	Dickinson County DHS	Dickinson County Courthouse 1802 Hill Ave, Suite 2401	Spirit Lake	51360
Dubuque	Dubuque County DHS	410 Nesler Center, 799 Main Street	Dubuque	52004
Emmet	Emmet County DHS	220 S 1st Street	Estherville	51334
Fayette	Fayette County DHS	129 A North Vine	West Union	52175
Floyd	Floyd County DHS	1206 S Main Street	Charles City	50616
Hamilton	Hamilton County DHS	2300 Superior Street	Webster City	50595
Harrison	Harrison County DHS	204 E 6th St	Logan	51546
Henry	Henry County DHS	205 W Madison Street	Mt. Pleasant	52641
Jasper	Jasper County DHS	115 N 2nd Ave E. Suite H	Newton	50208
Jefferson	Jefferson County DHS	304 South Maple	Fairfield	52556
Johnson	Johnson County DHS	855 S. Dubuque Street	Iowa City	52240
Lee	Lee County DHS	933 Avenue H	Ft. Madison	52627
Lee	Lee County DHS	307 Bank Street	Keokuk	52632
Linn	Linn County DHS	411 3rd Street SE, Suite 600	Cedar Rapids	52401
Linn	Linn County DHS, Harambee House	404 17th Street Southeast	Cedar Rapids	52403
Mahaska	Mahaska County DHS	410 S 11th Street	Oskaloosa	52577

County	Building Name	Building Address	City	Zip
Marshall	Marshall County DHS	206 W State Street	Marshalltown	50158
Montgomery	Montgomery County DHS	1109 Highland Ave	Red Oak	51566
Muscatine	Muscatine County DHS	315 Iowa Ste 2	Muscatine	52761
O'Brien	O'Brien County DHS	160 Second Street Se	Primghar	51245
Polk	Polk County DHS	Polk County River Place, 2309 Euclid Ave	Des Moines	50310
Polk	Polk County DHS- Carpenter Office	1900-1914 Carpenter	Des Moines	50314
Polk	Centralized Service Intake Unit	401 SW 7th St, Suite G	Des Moines	50309
Pottawattamie	Pottawattamie County DHS	417 E Kanesville Blvd.	Council Bluffs	51503
Pottawattamie	Income Maintenance Customer Call Center	300 W Broadway, Suite 110	Council Bluffs	51503
Scott	Scott County DHS	600 W. 4th St. 2nd & 3rd Floors	Davenport	52801
Sioux	Sioux County DHS	215 Central Ave. Se	Orange City	50141
Story	Story County DHS	126 S Kellogg Ave, Suite 101	Ames	50010
Union	Union County DHS (SVC)	304 N Pine St	Creston	50801
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Wapello	Wapello County DHS	120 E Main St	Ottumwa	52501
Warren	Warren County DHS	1005 South Jefferson Way	Indianola	50125
Webster	Webster County DHS	330 1st Ave. N	Fort Dodge	50501
Winneshiek	Winneshiek County DHS	2307 US Highway 52 South	Decorah	52101
Woodbury	Woodbury County DHS	Trosper-Hoyt Co Svc Bld., 822 Douglas St	Sioux City	51101